THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN):(a) one Youth Hostel at Aurangabad has been functioning in Maharashtra since January, 1976.

(b) Youth Hostels provide economical, clean, comfortable and safe accommodation for youth travellers. Construction of Youth Hostel has been conceived as a Joint venture between the Central and the State Government. While the Central Government bears the cost of construction, the State Government provides fully developed land free of cost with water, electricity, approach roads, staff quarters and other aminities.

(c) and (d) The Department has sanctioned two more Youth Hostels in Maharashtra at Buldana and Navegaonkand. The State Government has not sent any formal proposal with commitment to provide fully-developed land free of cost with water, electricity, approach road etc. for the construction of Youth Hostels in Nagpur and other parts of Vidarbha region.

Conference in Ignou on Management Education

3753. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) organised a National Conference recently on networking for management education in New Delhi;

(b) the number of representatives with their respective institutions who attended the conference;

(c) whether the conference considered resource sharing and networking of resources for overall effectiveness of management education in the country; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):(a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), a National Conference on Networking for Management Education was organised by the School of Management Studies, IGNOU on 10-11 April, 1997 in New Delhi. Altogether 182 participants belonging to 175 different institutions attended to Conference. The participants deliberated upon exploring the possibilities and identifying strategies for networking of resources towards improving the quality of management education in the country. The idea of networking of resources with IGNOU evoked encouraging response from the participants.

सबके लिए शिक्षा कार्यक्रम के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को विश्व बैंक की सहायता

3754. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को सबके लिए शिक्षा के उद्देश्य के लिए विश्व बैंक की सहायता संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार से प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या उक्त परियोजना विश्व बैंक को प्रेषित की गयी है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) इस परियोजना को शीघ्रातिशीघ्र निपटाने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम सैकिया): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार "उत्तर प्रदेश सभी के लिए बुनियादी शिक्षा परियोजना" के तहत पहले से ही विश्व बैंक सहायता प्राप्त कर रही है। परियोजना की कुल लागत 728.7 करोड़ रु० है जिसमें से आई० डी० ए० 165 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर के समतुल्य क्रेडिट प्रदान करेगा जो परियोजना लागत का 87% है तथा शेष लागत